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Bernard Schaber and Colleagues force Republicans to Back Down

MADISON – Rep. Penny Bernard Schaber (D-Appleton) released this statement following the Republican's admission of wrong doing and adjournment of the State Assembly until next Tuesday.

"Huge public outcry has forced the Republican Leadership to temporally back down from their enormous power grab.

It has been a truly historic week, while tens of thousands of taxpayers; write, call and come to Madison to petition their Government, the Assembly Republicans continue to turn a deaf ear. However tonight there was a break through! Speaker Fitzgerald stood on the Assembly floor and conceded to me and my colleagues that they had gone too far, that the workers were right and that this bill needed more time. Then he adjourned session until next Tuesday.

This is only a small step, but the Republicans have slowed down for now. I look forward to continuing to talk to my constituents and doing things the right way."

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